

MEMPHIS APPEAL

WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 17.

THE CINCINNATI CONVENTION--LIBERAL REPUBLICANS MOVING.

The magnificent success of the anti-Grant demonstration in New York has inspired the friends of peace and the constitution with renewed zeal and hope. Heretofore the Liberal Republicans have shown an infirmity of purpose and a lack of political courage. But the voice of Trumbull and Schurz, and Fenton and Greeley, speaking from New York, has been like the blast of the trumpet sounding the charge, and in every section of the Union the great tide of national reform is swelling and surging with irresistible power. The thousands of patriots have gathered to Tennessee, and the Liberal Republican cause is moving. A meeting has been called in this city for the purpose of sending delegates to the State Convention to be held at Nashville. The Liberal Republicans of Tennessee have been slow in moving because they had feared the success of the Cincinnati Convention. But the New York meeting and the great upheaval of the people in behalf of Reform and a contest which has resolved itself into one of the continuance of our republican system of government, or the substitution of a corrupt military despotism, has nerve the arms of patriots with strength, and they look to the Cincinnati Convention for deliverance. As the St. Louis Republican says: "The Cincinnati movement has become stronger than ever, not only to take care of itself, but to take care of those who commit themselves to its keeping. It is not yet three months old, but it displays the power of a giant. A few weeks ago as Mr. Schurz says, 'it was spoken of by politicians with a contemptuous smile; to-day that smile has turned to a look of respect.' Missouri, Ohio, Kansas, Iowa, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, New York, Louisiana, Georgia, South Carolina, New Jersey, Nebraska, Texas and Michigan have already chosen, or called meetings to choose, delegates to the May convention. Illinois, Indiana, California, Maryland, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania are preparing to do the same thing; and it is believed that Wisconsin, Minnesota, Oregon, Delaware, North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, and others even of the New England States, will also take measures to have their voice heard in the meeting. The States named number twenty-eight, and we have reason to estimate that the number will be represented in the Cincinnati Convention, and take part in the movement which it expresses. There is a rapidly spreading conviction that Cincinnati will be a good place for the Republicans to be at about the first of May, and we shall not be surprised to see a large assembly of persons there that was never witnessed at similar convention before. The national and state Liberal Republicans are already in the throes of a great movement, and already involves a great number of States and a larger scope of country than the convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln represented." We trust the ball will be kept rolling until it comes to form a present dynasty, whose corruption, greed and despoticism have alarmed the country. Every man, not blinded by bigotry and stupidity, now sees, and feels, and knows that the defeat of Grant can only be attained by a union of all the elements of opposition that can be brought together. Should the Cincinnati Convention nominate candidates acceptable to the opponents of the present administration, we cannot hesitate to the duty of a Democratic party. It is to unite upon the Cincinnati nominees, and to unite cordially with the Liberal Republicans for "purification and pacification." The Southern Democratic press will certainly give the proposed coalition; but we doubt if they would consent to the proposed disintegration of their party. That idea, it would appear, has not obtained yet, or it would have been mentioned. Happily, our leaders have reached that height of madness to which some of the Northern Democratic strategists aspire, and in some instances have been attained.

THE MIRACLES DONE AND TO BE DONE.

The prettiest farms in Shelby county, with few exceptions, lie along the line of the Memphis and Charleston road, between Memphis and Germantown. Annual railway tickets and the reduction of charges on local travel to a minimum have made the country densely populated. Messrs. Moore, McCreary, Trevelyan, Davy, Townsend, Goodwyn, the stock farmer, and many others, have most attractively improved and cultivated most profitable farms and gardening operations along our great eastern road. The country about Memphis becomes more and more attractive and more densely populated, and if contemplated railways were built west and east of the Mississippi be perfected, the whole district of country between Wolf and Nonconah and Germantown and Memphis will become the seat of a wonderful, and perhaps magnificent civilization. The ruins of brick temples, abodes of gods or men, the artificial lakes, paved with Egyptian brick, the massive mounds and extensive earthworks erected by the Yanks of a forgotten age, tell of a dense population whose tollers lived up massive mounds that have excited the wonder of all races--in that remote period, when forests of wild oaks and trees were planted, when the lake beds were dug and paved, and when the last battle between the dying and the conquering races was fought and the slaughtered multitudes of the vanquished were entombed in endless mounds between the Little Red and White rivers--so tradition and countless legends tell the story--when all these things were, and this strange, unique civilization was supreme, Memphis was doubtless a wonderful city. The people who planted forests and dug and paved lakes and built mounds, doubtless dwelt upon the elevated site of modern Memphis, and therefore it has been alleged that there was a mighty city here, long before European civilization set up its banners on the continent.

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exhaustive fields, as shown by the remains of mounds, and the fact that the originality drew its treasures, and to the same source boundless wealth must modern Memphis be indebted for the civilization of its splendours. Commerce and wealth and movements of populations reverse Nature's law, and the sun of Memphis grandeur and glory rises in the West. However charming and delightful the homes which wealth and taste build up along the Memphis and Charleston road, and however good the vicinities won by the genius of Wicks and other managers of railways, in causing the advancement of the country with charming farms and homesteads, it is still true that little has been done until agriculture, like the sun, has been brought to the front. In Tennessee, like the rest of the South, the country has become densely populated, and railways have wrought miracles there such as they have accomplished in transforming and embellishing the once unattractive country between Memphis and Germantown.

CURRENT NEWS.

The Episcopal church at Elyton is now about completed. It presents a beautiful appearance. The Chinese in California reveal in illustrated papers. They can understand pictures, if they are ignorant of the letter of the press. The condition of affairs in the vicinity of Spartanburg, South Carolina, is pitiable in the extreme. All branches of business are dull. The Central Alabama Agricultural Association at Selma will hold its fourth annual fair beginning on May 1st and continuing four days. The fight in Pennsylvania this fall promises to be a quadrangular one, embracing the Democrats, the Liberal Republicans, and two wings of the Grant party.

IMMIGRATION TO THE SOUTH.

In an article of great length and power, the Washington Herald shows Southern Europe as the most likely field for the South to seek that immigration which is so imperatively needed for the restoration of her exhausted labor. But the Herald writes that the South must do more than seek to be sold on to encourage a substantial immigration of a sturdy and useful class. She must offer adequate inducements at home, and these inducements must be such as will cause the South to be more than a place of refuge for the homeless, determined, intelligent efforts made by the citizens of the Northwest, their railroads and land agencies, to keep the tide of population flowing in their direction as it has hitherto done. Land must be cheapened to immigrants; labor and good wages assured them; and especially must they feel sure that they will enjoy that perfect social equality which is so largely a desideratum in the industrial world which attracts the European proletarian when he abandons his old home and ancient associations and customs for a new home in the untamed West. If the planters of the Carolinas, Tennessee, Georgia and Virginia, instead of denouncing the appointment of politicians as "State immigration agents," will seek to make themselves into "homestead societies," by subscribing land of more or less extent, to be given to the laborer, and by giving labor small farms at nominal prices, the homes upon which are to be built and paid for out of the wages of the immigrants, they would not only procure labor, but they would also secure a settled, domesticated labor which will be most useful in restoring the State to a healthy condition. Let it be known to the thrifty peasantry of the agricultural part of Italy that a married man, by going to the South, can obtain on one farm twenty or thirty acres of land, with a house upon it for his immediate occupancy, all of which he can make his own fee-simple property by the labor of five years, and as important immigration will at once be secured. The essence of the matter is that the South must not invite a peasantry, nor a tenantry, but a yeoman class of small proprietors, who will identify themselves with the best interests of the country, and become at once an industrial resource, the backbone of conservatism, and the bulwark of liberty. And all this the Southern people can do, now, at once, and efficiently, without putting their hands in their pockets for aid, and by their own individual unaided efforts.

RADICAL DIVISION IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Pennsylvania may now be placed in opposition to the Grant administration. The Radical party has been in the front of the movement, and the Radical cause will certainly give the State to the opposition. The nomination by the Radical convention, of John F. Hartman, the present Auditor General of Pennsylvania, as candidate for Governor, is received with delight by a portion of the party. The Philadelphia Press (Republican) "believes it to be most inexplicable selection, made simply to gratify a 'ring,' and will lead to inevitable defeat in Philadelphia next fall, unless checked beforehand." The Inquirer (Republican) says that the result has engendered a great deal of dissatisfaction, "and this at a time when the Republican and the Democratic parties are so evenly balanced that a thousand votes by the former may elect the candidates of the latter." The Harrisburg correspondent of the Press says that the Democrats will adopt the nomination to be made by the Labor Reform Convention at West Chester on the 7th of May next. The action of the Harrisburg Convention in appointing delegates to the Republican presidential nominating convention, which meets in Philadelphia June 10, is also repudiated on behalf of its own wing of the party by the Philadelphia Press, which, after characterizing the convention as "notoriously packed by a ring of unprincipled party managers," says that the delegates were chosen on behalf of Philadelphia "are utterly without character or influence, except with regards or hangers of their own variety." It therefore asserts that meetings held there in their pockets for a day, and by their own individual unaided efforts.

THE BAPTISTS AND THEIR UNIVER-

Delegates to the convention of twenty-second instant, to devise ways and means for the endowment of the Baptist University, have been in session during their sojourn in Memphis if they will call at 316 Main street. Railroads charge delegates only one fare, the people entertain these gentlemen, and it is hoped that they will show themselves capable of accomplishing the great task they have undertaken. There is no great purpose of public beneficence of which this potent demonstration is incapable, and there is only wanting co-operative purpose and conduct. Each church is a free republic, its relations to others being wholly voluntary, and therefore such are the habits of action induced by the organic law of the polity, that the perfect co-operation can hardly be effected. Very small contributions now will achieve magnificent results. The institution proposed to be founded is designed to live through coming centuries, and now, if ever, is its completion, must be held in the hands of the people. With each successive year the possibility of founding and establishing such an institution becomes less, the cost of land in the vicinity of Memphis grows greater, and it would have in this vicinity an university worthy the name, measures must now be adopted for its foundation.

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